

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CRIMINAL DIVISION "X"

CASE NO.: 2016CF005507AXX

STATE OF FLORIDA

v.

NOUMAN KHAN RAJA,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF FILING LETTERS IN SUPPORT OF NOUMAN KHAN RAJA

Undersigned counsel hereby gives notice of filing letters in support of Defendant, NOUMAN KHAN RAJA, from the following individuals:

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April 23, 2019

The Honorable Joseph Marx

RE: State of Florida v. Nouman Khan Raja

Case Number 2016-CF-005507

Dear Judge Marx:

My name is Karine Raja, and I am Nouman Raja's wife and I am writing to you on his behalf. Raja and I have been married for 16 years and we have two beautiful children; our son, Zander, who is 9 and our daughter, Ella, who is 7. We are also the proud parents of two rescue pups, Jackson and Madison.

We met in October of 2002. It was not until March of 2003 that Raja built up the courage to ask me out. On our first date, March 17, 2003, Raja proposed to me with a ring pop. We were married eight days later, March 25, our second date. I often think back to that time, and what made me fall so quickly for someone I knew for such a short period of time and the answer is simple: I fell in love with his kindness towards people, his affability, his smile. His ability to make everyone, no matter what their background may have been, feel that they belonged. The innate way Raja doesn't discriminate towards anyone or anything. Raja, a Muslim man, married a Christian woman, and agreed to send our kids to a Judaic school.

Raja is passionate about many things, but nothing more than our children. He is a great father and extremely involved. In our daily lives, Raja has been the primary caregiver. He packed their lunch, assisted with homework, made their dinner, and got them ready for bed. On the weekends, he would play video games with them, watch movies, and read books. Prior to this tragedy, our weekends were mostly spent traveling to Orlando where we took the kids to local parks, and with family and friends. Our children revel in his presence. Raja has the ability to teach, guide, and have fun with them like no one else. They breathe out so that he may breathe in. His absence has affected them deeply. Our son, who is on the Spectrum, has been hurt the most. He spent the first day back at school after having lost his Dad, crying for 6 hours. I have learned that both children have expressed feelings of depression and lack of a will to live through their therapist. So profound are these feelings, that they even conveyed how they would do it. A parents' worst nightmare.

In our family and friend's settings, Raja always been the "dad". In our trips, he was always the one taking care of the children, teaching them how to fish, and mentoring the teenagers. He has been a father figure for many of the children in our inner circle, that I would dare say some see him more as a father than "Uncle Raj". With adults, Raja is often sought after for guidance because he is

objective, compassionate and caring. He is also extremely giving and helpful. He is the first one to volunteer should a friend need a hand.

I have had the privilege not only to be able to call Raja my husband, but to also have worked with him. I spent almost 7 years as a 911 dispatcher, in which 6 were spent working alongside him. Raja was always the first to arrive on duty and last to leave. In his tenure at Atlantis Police, he went from rookie to Sergeant in less than 6 years, being promoted over several officers that had been there substantially longer than he. He was knowledgeable, courteous and fair. Raja was extremely proactive. He was head of traffic division, participated in countywide (PBSO led) DUI saturations monthly, and was presented the M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) "Heroes of the Highway" Award. In addition to traffic enforcement, Raja was the Armorer for the city, and maintained the departments firearms and ammunition. Raja was a firearms instructor and frequently had to qualify the officers within the department at the Range. He wrote all the grants for the city, often was the go to person for all IT problems with department vehicle laptops, and whenever a new county program was implemented, he was our department representative sent by Chief Mangold. In addition, Raja was one of 2 FTOs (Field Training Officer) and trained any new officer the city hired. Raja was an enormous asset to the department.

All the while, Raja continued his education. Raja became a Certified EMT and an adjunct instructor at the Academy at Palm Beach State College. He taught General Subjects, Firearms, Defensive Driving, and First Aid. He was also an Active Shooter Instructor and Critical Incident Instructor. Raja was admired by all his students and even today, he continues to receive letters about the impact he has made in their lives.

Raja has always felt the calling to serve and protect. Even off duty, Raja would not hesitate to help someone in need. On an occasion, Raja, Zander and I (pregnant with Ella) were driving on S. Congress Ave. passing Hypoluxo Rd, when an elderly man hit the curb and his vehicle rolled over. Raja quickly put our minivan into park, and went into action trying to assist with the crash. Zander often describes that as his first memory of his Dad.

Raja is an incredible human being. Selfless to a fault. Since his arrest in June 2016, Raja has missed graduations, weddings, Tot Mitzyahs, First Communions, Eid Celebrations, birthdays, holidays with friends, and family vacations. He has not been able to teach his son how to ride a bike or to take his daughter to "Dads and Donuts". He has not visited his mother who has been hospitalized since May 2018 after suffering a massive stroke, and may likely never see her again due to her frailty.

I understand the magnitude of our situation and completely sympathize with the Jones family and their insurmountable loss..

I beg of you to see Raja for who he is: A dedicated father, an exemplary husband, a best friend to many, and for many years an honored LEO. Raja is a captivating person: kind, compassionate, and loving. I beg of you to not let this tragedy, for both families, go on.

Please allow my children to have their father present at their graduation, my daughter to have her father walk her down the aisle. Please allow me to have my husband back. Kindly take these findings into consideration for a greatly reduced sentence for Nouman Raja.

Humbly;

Karine Raja

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April 22nd, 2019

To: The Honorable Joseph Marx

RE: State of Florida v. Nouman Khan Raja

Case Number 2016-CF-005507

Dear Judge Marx:

My name is Peter Feldman and I am a criminal defense attorney. I am also a former state and federal probation officer. As a federal probation officer, in the pre-sentence investigation unit, I have written hundreds of pre-sentence investigation reports for federal judiciary. I am extremely familiar with the task your Honor has at hand.

I have known Nouman Raja for over eight years and consider him one of my good friends. I met Nouman under the most unusual circumstances, at Temple Torah, a Jewish Synagogue in Boynton Beach, Florida. His children attended the preschool there, as did my 3 children. I found it fascinating that a Pakistani, Muslim father and a Brazilian, Roman Catholic mother, chose a Jewish temple as their preschool of choice with so many other options in the area. This was so outside the box, especially at a conservative temple, that it made my family like the Rajas instantly.

Raj, (that's what all of his friends call him) and I, our wives and kids became friends right away. We have similar political views and have many things in common. As close family friends, we had many get-togethers throughout the years such as birthday parties, date nights, a family vacation and playdates. We spent a lot of time together as a family.

The events surrounding this case turned all of our worlds upside down. Our family paid \$25,000, as the collateral, in order to bond out Raj. No one outside our circle of family and friends had the opportunity to know who Raj really is. Raj doesn't see race, religion or politics, he sees people. He cares about people. Given many other opportunities, Raj chose to protect and serve. His calling was to help people. From spending his Sundays fixing our shower door that wouldn't close to injuring himself hanging a chandelier in our house, Raj was always there for anyone who needed anything at all, no matter how inconvenient for him. Raj spent the past several years on house arrest where he continued to help others in any capacity possible, while missing much of his own children's lives- graduations, ceremonies, performances, and even trick or treating.

I have read thousands of mitigation and departure letters written to judges for leniency over the past 20 years, however, this is the first one I have ever written. Although he was convicted by a jury, I truly believe this was a horrible set of circumstances where so many lost so much. Both sides lost a life and a family member. My heart and the heart of my family sincerely goes out to the Jones family. Their pain must be unimaginable. At the same time, I would ask the Court to take into consideration the family of Nouman Raja. They are innocent victims that have suffered and will suffer for the duration of the term the Court imposes. I would ask the court to minimize further loss, as nothing can bring Corey Jones back. Nouman Raja is a good man, a great husband, an amazing father, and a truly special friend, who would give the shirt off his back. I would ask your Honor's leniency in this case.

Sincerely,

Peter Feldman

Peter Feldman, Esq., MBA, CFE

Marcel A. dos Santos

April 17th, 2019

The Honorable Joseph Marx

RE: The State of Florida VS. Nouman Kahn Raja

Case Number 2016-CF-005507

Dear Judge Marx:

My name is Marcel dos Santos and I am currently a Deputy Sheriff with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office for the past 13 years. I have personally known Noumah Raja for 16 years. I met Raja and his brother in 2003 when they became my co-workers at Coastal Security Systems. We were technicians that installed and serviced home security systems, video cameras, home theater systems, fire systems, and all phases of the low voltage electric industry. Raja was assigned to train with me for the first few weeks. Some of the employees at the time thought it was funny to put Raja with me because I am Christian and he is Muslim. During this time Raja and his brother and I became the best of friends. Our friendship grew stronger as the years went on and grew to the point that to this day we consider ourselves more than just friends but as brothers, family, as if we were literally born from the same mother. Raja and I would train at the firearms range, go fishing, and train Jiu-Jitsu and grappling.

I was able to get to know Raja's brother and family and we all feel the same about one another. I was able to get to know Raja's wife and her family, and we all feel the same about one another. When Raja's father passed away I attended the funeral in support of my "family". I was there for the birth of Raja's 9 year old son Zander, and later for the birth of his 7 year old daughter Ella. Raja has been an excellent father and husband to his wife and kids. He has always been the hardest worker and most dependable person I've ever known. He is a true family man who has treated his wife respectfully and has raised his children to be respectful and well behaved.

In 2006, while we were still working together at Coastal, I spoke with Raja and his brother about a career in law enforcement because I was being courted by a friend who was in law enforcement. Raja encouraged me to do so and I began the process and it paid off. I can tell you that one act of Raja's encouragement has unknowingly helped countless people during my 13 years of being a Deputy Sheriff and a Detective. Ironically Raja and his brother followed suit and within the next 2 years all of us were in law enforcement! Raja's encouragement alone has changed and helped countless lives by the 3 of us doing the very best for the citizens as law enforcement officers. Our goal was to make a better life for our family and to protect and assist people.

Unfortunately in 2009 I was going through a very difficult divorce and I was losing everything, drowning financially, and had no place to go. Raja invited me to stay at his place no questions asked. He provided me with a furnished room and provided me with food and money. Raja loaned me his personal vehicle so I could get around from place to place when I needed. Raja did not ask me for rent so I could get back on my feet. I went on to be roommates with Raja and his wife for the next 3 years. Raja exemplified the type of person who would literally give you the shirt off his back:

In all these years that I have known and spent time with Raja, at no time have I ever observed him display any behavior or make any statements of ill will towards any human being. I have never seen him take part in anything illegal, immoral, or unethical. Raja has always abstained from any appearance of wrong doing and has held himself in the highest form of personal and professional conduct. If anyone needed help, advice, or anything you never had to ask him twice and he was always there. Raja did not let others down no matter what it was. Raja was always very generous with everything. If there was something he had that you wanted or needed you could just simply ask him and he would do it or give it. Raja has always conducted himself with integrity and compassion for others.

Raja was an instructor at the Palm Beach State College law enforcement academy. I came in contact with some of the new Deputies that had Raja as an instructor in the academy. When Raja came up in conversation those Deputies were all grateful to have had Raja as their instructor and stated he had a lasting impact on them. They felt as though he really had a sincere investment in the safety of their lives, and in their new career as a law enforcement officer. They were amazed at his professionalism, knowledge, and expertise. Once again those Deputies are helping countless people every day as a result of Raja's willingness to teach and encourage. Raja alone has made a severe positive impact on the lives of so many people who don't even realize it. Raja led by example as a police officer and he loved the profession because he loves people. Being a police officer was what he did for a career but it is not who he is as a person. Raja at all times displayed compassion for his fellow man no matter what the circumstance.

In closing Your Honor, I would be remiss if I did not express that I realize this whole situation has been a traumatic tragedy for both families. Both families grieve and share the same pain. This is a situation that only God Himself can explain and answer why this ever had to happen. Raja has never gone out of his way to intentionally and maliciously hurt anyone. I respect your position and I know that you have a very difficult task in deciding Raja's sentence. I have the utmost confidence that after a thoughtful and lengthy consideration you will find it in your heart to make a merciful and compassionate decision for Raja. Not just for his sake, or for our family's sake, but rather for the sake of his children alone. As a human being, father, and deputy, by far the hardest thing I have ever experienced in my life was to see Raja's wife sit down with their children and explain to them that daddy is not coming home for a while. Your Honor all that expressed to say this, any leniency in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Marcel dos Santos



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April 16, 2019

The Honorable Joseph Marx.
Criminal Circuit Court Judge
205 North Dixie Hwy.
West Palm Beach, Fl. 33401
Re: State of Florida v. Nouman Khan Raja
Case number 2016-CF-005507

Honorable Joseph Marx,

My name is John Crane-Baker, I am a Captain in charge of the Investigative Division at the Delray Beach Police Department. I have been with the department for 22 years. I have held numerous positions within the department to include SWAT Team Commander; Internal Affairs Commander, and Training Unit Commander to name a few. I attended the 269th session of the FBI National Academy at Quantico, Virginia and am a member of several police organizations to include the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Florida Police Chiefs Association, and FBI National Academy Associates.

I write to you today to explain how great of a friend Nouman Raja is. I have known Nouman since 2009 when we attended a two-week police training class at Palm Beach State College together. I was a sergeant and team leader on the Delray Beach SWAT Team at the time when we met. I could tell immediately that Nouman was a real "go getter". In class we were paired up for drills and we immediately hit it off. Nouman was always trying to improve when it came time to perform drills or stand up in front of the class during presentations.. Nouman was not afraid to ask questions when he didn't know something or needed advice and he took criticism well. He used it as a tool to improve whatever he was doing. Not once in class did he complain or give less than 100%.

Nouman is not the type of guy that would blow his own horn. He is a private person who lets his actions speak for him. You don't always find that quality in an officer, but Nouman had it. He didn't have anything to prove. He just did the job and that was good enough for me. From all accounts, Nouman was a great officer. I never heard of anyone complaining about him or his work ethic. Again, Nouman is a stand-up guy that only wanted to be a good cop and help people.

After the incident, when Nouman was let go from his department he started working for a friend of mine, Dan Lounsbury at Tactical Products Group. Nouman came in and would help out around the store putting police tactical gear together, helping stock shelves, packing orders or

anything that needed to be done. He never complained about his situation once. After several months, Nouman began helping out with manufacturing the tactical equipment (vests, helmets, belts, gloves, etc.). Eventually Nouman took over supervising all manufacturing for the company and he excelled at it: He became the company's idea guy for new products and he loved it! Nouman would spend time explaining the new products and his idea of where they could take them. When I needed some obscure product, he would always take the time to research products for me. Nouman has been there to make sure we got the correct items we needed, when we needed them. Not many people these days have that level of commitment to their customers. He was in his element again. Never did Nouman complain about his case or what might happen. Nouman was a rock.

Nouman has always been a stand-up guy willing to help a person that was in need. I have never seen him ever do or say anything that would ever bring his judgment into question or question his loyalty to his friends, business associates, or partners. In fact, Nouman is a patriot! He loves this country, the military, and law enforcement. Nouman could have walked away from continued service, but he didn't. Nouman opted to work for Tactical Products Group and continue to provide support to the military, US Government, and law enforcement. Nouman displays the rarity of being a "good man", something that I think is missing in today's society.

I can tell you without hesitation that Nouman does not have a bad bone in his body. When I would come to the store, Nouman was right there with a big smile and a handshake. Nouman was always interested in how I was doing in Delray and congratulated me on several occasions when it came to promotions or transfers to new specialty units. Nouman is the type of guy that would give a person the shirt off his back if they need one. That is the kind of person Nouman is and I am extremely proud to call him my friend.

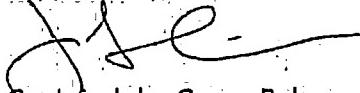
I have been involved in a police shooting and I know how that can change a person. That night Nouman was just doing his job, trying to help a stranded motorist nothing more. Nouman is not a monster who went "hunting" or an "angel of death" as some have portrayed him. Nouman never took lightly to having to pull his weapon. If the situation called for his weapon to be drawn and fired it was because he was in fear for his life. Right or wrong, Nouman Raja was in fear for his life. To punish an officer for making a split second decision when everyone has years to pick it part is not what we in society need. Every officer involved shooting can be torn down and reviewed under a microscope. When that happens, you will find something wrong with it. Nouman Raja deserved that same right to protect himself as any other person. My friend deserves better.

Before you impose your sentence, please think about all the good that Nouman has done. Think about the oath that he swore to uphold. Think about the dangers that officers face every day in this country. Think about their families when an officer doesn't come home. Think about all the funerals of officers killed in the line of duty. Think about the current attacks on law enforcement officers around the country. Think about the dwindling numbers of people who want to wear a badge. Think about who is patrolling the streets at night keeping this community and every other community around the country safe. Think about Nouman Raja, an officer who

was trying to do his job. Think of Nouman Raja and his wife, his children, his friends and colleagues. Think about how officers are treated in prison. Finally, think about the message it sends to other law enforcement officers that wear the badge and have to patrol the streets, are they going to perform the duties that we expect them to do if they have to worry they can be charged with a crime for doing their job.

I want to thank you for allowing me to express my feelings and support for my friend and colleague Nouman Raja. I can provide any more insight into Nouman or if you have any questions of me, please don't hesitate to contact me so we may discuss them.

Respectfully,



Captain John Crane-Baker
Investigative Division Commander
Delray Beach Police Department

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April 12, 2019

The Honorable Joseph Marx

Re: The State of Florida v. Nouman Khan Raja

Case Number 2016-CF-005507

Dear Judge Marx,

Nouman Raja, where to begin: As I'm sure you've gathered from previous letters, he is simply known as "Raj". Sir, I have known the Raja family for about four years now and met Raj thru his wife, Karine while we were all volunteering at Big Dog Rescue Ranch. (yes, we all came home with adoptions) I've worked in sales for one of the most prestigious resorts in the world for about twelve years now. About four years ago, Karine Raja came to work with me and we quickly discovered how "nerdy" alike our husbands were. All it took was one dinner and from there it's like we have all known each other our whole lives. We have friends, but Raj and Karine are family.

My husband is stationed at FOB Fenty, in Jalalabad, Afghanistan. He sleeps in a windowless plywood room on a paper thin "mattress" and has to wear sandals to shower. I am essentially a single mother, working full time with two young boys to raise. Everyone always asks my husband and I how we do it. Over the last four years, the answer has become Nouman Raja. Raj is literally the "Pied Piper" of our group with the children. While I have seen him, on a very rare occasion raise his voice when completely necessary, I have never seen him angry. In four years this man has only demonstrated complete patience, kindness, love and respect for others. Our boys are 11 and 7 years old and refer to Raj as their "stepdad": They don't fully understand the term; all they know is that he is a father to them. My husband respects Raj enough to agree with them about what they feel in their hearts. Raj is the reason my husband can have the peace of mind to continue to deploy and the reason we are still married.

The four kids between us are a family unit. With my work schedule and my husband's work location, the Raja's have essentially adopted us. I want to be clear, it is because of Raj that each kid knows the routine when they wake up, they use the restroom, brush their teeth and eat breakfast before asking for an activity. They each have a designated seat at the table and know to finish their meal and what to do with their plates. He is their go-to for questions or advice; even with all four parents present. He is his own children's primary caregiver including homework, meditation and even ponytails for his daughter. One day I told him the boys didn't have school but I had to work and he told me to drop them off to him- at work. How many people do you know that would offer or have the patience to take on someone else's children at their job? Raj offered without question:

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Raj told me that he comes from a home where the thought was “there was always room for one more”. He said that is how his parents raised him. He taught me to “pick my battles” when speaking with others, which he learned from one of his first sergeants. While I am still working on that, he seems to have mastered it. His thoughtful, kind and objective advice is, I believe, the reason I am still married. Deployment life is tough, mentally, physically and emotionally to the fullest. His calm demeanor and reasoning give myself, my husband and our boys the strength to live the life of deployment that we do.

We generally have a family meal every week at the Raja household due to his house arrest, a la Chef Raja who loves to cook. Let me tell you, he is a fabulous cook. It doesn’t matter if there are three of us or twenty, Raj doesn’t sit or eat until everyone else has. Some of my favorite memories are of his wife and I going out dancing and the following morning he would always serve us breakfast in bed while we watched movies. My own husband will tell you, we have never met someone who loves to serve others as much as Raj. It’s no wonder why he passed up a medical career after two years of medical school- to serve and protect others. During trial, Mr. Lubin was coughing so Raj passed him a candy. Without being asked, he also reached for another for Mr. Lubin to keep close, in case it came on again. That’s the kind of man he is- always looking out for others.

Your honor, Raj is the kind of person we need in our families and in society. I am scared that Raj will be made an example of due to the racial climate that we are in. To see him in the courtroom is so difficult, because it is not in his character to have a straight face; Raj’s character is extremely loving and always smiling. Sir, this is not a case of malice or ill intention. I ask of you to please consider the character references, all of them, of this stand up man as you pass your decision of his sentence.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Herrera

The Honorable Joseph Marx
205 North Dixie Highway
West Palm Beach FL 33401

Re: State of Florida v. Nouman Khan Raja
Case Number 2016-CF-005507

Dear Judge Marx

I am writing you on behalf of Nouman Raja. I retired from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, in 2005, after twenty-five years of service. During my time at the Sheriff's Office I had the opportunity to work in several capacities; initially as a road patrol deputy, then as an investigator in the Crimes Against Children Division, and the Tactical Unit. I achieved promotion to the supervisory role of Sergeant and, in that capacity, supervised deputies in Patrol, the Tactical Unit and the Gang Unit.

As supervisor in the Gang Unit I oversaw the Multi Agency Gang Task Force (MAGTF) in Palm Beach County, responsible for supervision and coordination of officers from across the county in addressing the gang issue in the communities. In addition, I was Team Leader on the Hostage Negotiation Team, instructor for new deputy orientation and In-Service Training at the Sheriff's Office, and a part-time instructor at the Law Enforcement Academy, from 1998 through 2006.

After retiring from the Sheriff's Office, I had the opportunity to expand my role at the Law Enforcement Academy to a full-time position and became a Program Coordinator. During my ten years in that position I was responsible for coordinating and administrating the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Recruit Training curriculum in the Law Enforcement and Corrections courses, as well as ensuring adherence to the Florida State mandated procedures of these training programs.

I met Nouman Raja in November 2007 when he was accepted into the Law Enforcement Academy. From the very start of the academy Nouman was thoroughly committed to learning as much as he possibly could about the career he had chosen. He was inquisitive, absorbing any and all training he could, taking in each bit of information. He established a solid reputation among his peers as well as the instructors; with a consistently positive outlook, always aware of and concerned for his fellow recruits. He was empathetic and encouraging to others in the class who struggled with academics by conducting study groups. He helped his peers adapt to the mental and physical rigors of the academy, through his encouragement and support. He was a confidant of many and friendly with everyone.

When Nouman graduated from the academy I monitored his progress and development in the field, as I did with as many recruits as possible. I watched him grow into his role as law enforcement officer, keeping in touch with him; checking with his supervisors in his department and his peers in other agencies. He was known as a “solid” cop, one of the highest regards an officer can achieve from his peers. He worked hard, learning quickly and well, just what it meant to be a police officer. We often discussed and evaluated the cases he was handling and, without fail, his approach was a well-balanced combination of common sense, good police work, compassion and empathy. He was always receptive to guidance and suggestion about how to handle a situation.

As soon as he was eligible to, Nouman became certified as an instructor in the academy. As coordinator, I had the opportunity to observe (and evaluate) him, this time in a different role. As an instructor, Nouman was innovative, enthusiastic and engaging. Within the strict guidelines of the curriculum he created learning environments for the recruits that developed in them an enthusiasm and yearning to learn more. The recruits consistently rated him as one of their best instructors and always asked that he teach as much as possible, because they felt they learned so much and so well from his instruction. The main thrust of his message to the recruits was unfailingly how to do the job of police work “the right way” with integrity, honesty and dedication.

I have known Nouman Raja for over eleven years. During that time, our relationship progressed from coordinator and student, to advisor and officer, to supervisor and subordinate; along the way, we became friends. Nouman Raja was an outstanding student in the academy, an exemplary officer in the field and ideal instructor. But, aside from that, Nouman Raja is a good-hearted man with impeccable integrity. His focus is not, and never has been, on himself, it is always on others – his family, friends, co-workers, students and the community he serves.

Before this tragedy, indeed even before he was an instructor, I frequently told others that Nouman Raja was the true epitome of the ideal police officer – unquestionably loyal to his family and peers and truly dedicated to always doing the right thing, the right way in the service of his community with empathy, compassion and integrity. There are very few people in my life that garner the level of admiration and belief I have in Nouman and I strongly believe he is truly worthy it. It is my honor to know such a good man and call him friend. His absence from this community has been a true loss, for all of us who know him; whose lives he impacted so positively and those he served so honorably. I humbly ask you for leniency in your consideration of sentencing Nouman at the end of this month.

Respectfully submitted,

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To the Honorable Judge Marx

RE: State of Florida v. Nouman Raja
Case Number 2016-CF-005507

Dear Judge Marx::

My name is Jose Herrera and I am a Quality Assurance Inspector for the United States Army's MQ-5B aircraft. My position is exclusively located in Afghanistan and has required me to maintain an active Top Secret clearance for the better part of a decade.

I have known Mr. Nouman Raja as a friend and mentor for roughly three and a half years. We had met through our wives; on one of those mandatory dinner dates your wife schedules without your prior knowledge. Judge Marx, I can honestly tell you from the bottom of my heart that Mr. Raja, or Raj as we call him, and I formed our "Bro-mance" that night. I have never met a person that was so genuine, caring, humble, and courageous; and it is my honor to write this character reference for Raj.

My employment requires me to deploy to the worst places in Afghanistan. I have been deploying since 2013 and as a family man, it is the hardest thing I have to do, Raj has helped ease that burden by simply being himself. From cooking dinner for them to having sleepovers and honestly a hundred things in-between, he has stepped up to help my wife and kids get through these deployments. I know dinner and sleepovers do not sound like much to most, but Raj has always done this after working a full shift at work, cooking for his own wife and kids, as well as taking care of his two dogs – and never once had a second thought about it, all the while a smile on his face, a positive attitude, and great sense of humor.

While I am back home, Raj has been the absolute best friend anyone could ever ask for. He has consoled, mentored, and encouraged me like no one has ever done before. Throughout his ordeal Raj has remained steadfast in his innocence and the honor of being of officer of the law, so much so that he has talked me into pursuing a career change of law enforcement. I have since applied for employment to numerous police departments, highway patrol, and sheriffs office. I would like to point out how I believe that trait in Raj speaks volumes to his character.

As a civilian whose job is in a warzone, I deploy a lot more often and usually for longer durations than most US Soldiers. Having said that, Raj has certainly been a blessing in disguise for me. He has filled the void of a father figure to my two sons while I was deployed. He did that without anyone asking him and for that I will always be indebted to him. I can remember countless times that I was received a video call from Raj, with both my sons, where they were doing father/son type things. From learning how to tie different knots to building their own computers, practicing football moves to tips and tricks of playing video games; Raj has far exceeded anything I could have asked for... and again, he did so without me asking.

He never asked for any help, never asked for any compensation, he never asked for how long; he just did it and did it out of the goodness of his heart. Your honor, in my 38 years on this planet, I have only told 2 men that I loved them, my grandfather and my father. I am not afraid or embarrassed to say I love Raj. What he has done for my family in my absence has been incredible to say the least.

Mr. Raja is a gentle giant, without a single mean bone in his body, and I do not want a couple of authoritative words on an audio recording to dictate Mr. Raja's personality.

I understand the seriousness of the situation and I beseech the court will show my best friend some leniency in his sentencing. I have done my part to help Mr. Raja's family keep the normal day to day activities, such as going to father and donuts day at the Raja children school, vehicle maintenance for their SUV's, bringing the kids to waterparks and movies, and other such things; but Your Honor, I am not Mr. Raja – Karine, Zander, and Ella need Nouman Raja in their lives.

Your honor, I ask you wholeheartedly to ask you to show Mr. Raja mercy, clemency, and leniency in your decision today.

Jose Herrera

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March 29, 2019

To: The Honorable Judge Marx
The 15th Judicial Court of Florida
205 N Dixie Hwy
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Re: State of Florida v. Nouman Khan Raja
Case No. 2016-CF-005507

Dear Judge Marx:

My name is Eunice Romaguera.. I possess over twenty-five years of professional work experience, and after working for several years as an Assistant Analyst, I left the corporate world and found my true calling in immigration law. I have been an immigration paralegal for almost 15 years, and I am currently employed at an Immigration Law Firm in Hollywood, FL.

It is a privilege for me to write this letter on behalf of my long-time friend, whom I consider my family, Nouman Khan Raja ("Raja"). Despite the terrible circumstances under which our family has been impacted by the news of Raja's conviction, and the sadness this brings to our family, I am more than pleased to be able to write about Raja.

I have known Raja for more than fifteen years; he married my childhood friend, whom I consider my "cousin," Karine Raja. As soon as I met him, I was immediately drawn to his positive attitude and welcoming personality. Raja was warm and loved to be around friends and family. Raja married Karine and went on to pursue a career in law enforcement. As far back as I recall, Raja always wanted to be a police officer, not because of the aura such a career gives to those who perform this difficult task daily, but because he deeply felt a passion to protect and serve his community. Raja graduated with honors from the Police Academy and began working as a police officer at the city of Atlantis near West Palm Beach.

I remember Raja being very passionate about his job.. My father one time had to have a life-threatening surgery at JFK Hospital in Lantana, FL, and in one of my visits to see my father, I encountered Raja outside of the emergency room helping a regular citizen change his car tires. The man with the car had a flat tire near the hospital entrance and I saw Raja helping him. They were almost finished with the task when I saw them, and I overheard the man expressing how truly grateful he was for Raja's help. That's the Raja I knew and have always known. Someone compassionate towards others, always offering his help, his smile and his laughter to those who needed it. Raja is the best example of a selfless servant of his community.

Raja and Karine met many years ago, and today they have two beautiful children, Zander and Ella. To me, they are great examples to other married couples and parents. They are excellent role models to their kids, and to my children, who always play and spend time with Zander and Ella. Raja was and is a great "uncle" to my children because that's how my two younger sons see him, their "uncle." As their uncle, he has been a great motivator, especially for my 16-year-old teenage son, Sebastian, whom Raja has been always there for, with advice and positive encouragement. My children love him, and I recognize how truly blessed my children have been for having him in their lives.

Raja was in law enforcement for almost ten years, he was an extremely hard-working man. Not only did he have his career in law enforcement, but he was teaching Criminal Justice at Palm Beach State College. He performed his jobs with the utmost respect for the rule of law, with the most character, dedication and perseverance that I have ever seen in any individual.

You could tell he had the strength of character necessary to protect others; he had that undeniable courage to go where others could not and would not want to go. Not everyone wants to dedicate their lives to public service, especially to a career in law enforcement, but he chose this path because he always had in him that spirit of wanting to help and serve others. Raja was and is one of those so-called "unsung heroes."

Raja always worked to support his beautiful wife and children, and also to help his mother, who was living in Okeechobee, FL. Raja is also a man of faith, and has been his entire life. He was and is a valuable member of this community. He always had a willing hand to help others. For example, when a hurricane was announced, Raja would help family members, friends, and neighbors to put up window panels and would make sure that their homes were properly secured. He also helped many friends with home repairs and other household work. Raja devoted the little free time he had from his career, to helping others in his community.

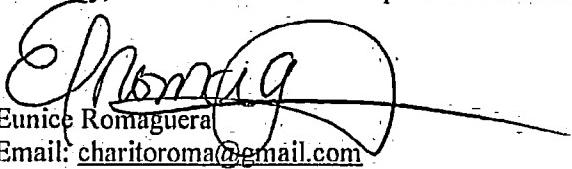
Raja's family, friends and community members are heartbroken by the unfortunate outcome of his trial.

His conviction has crushed our family; our children, his children, his wife, his mother, his brother, it has affected all of us. Because we all know the true Raja, the compassionate Raja, the one who would not harm anyone, but the one who has always helped everyone. I know Raja's kids go to bed crying at night, crying for their father. He was such a wonderful father, such a good husband, such a good friend, uncle, brother. He was an extraordinary human being, not this monster the media portrayed him to be, he was always a happy person. I wholeheartedly know Raja did not wake up that fateful day with the intention of taking someone's life.

I know, from the bottom of my heart, knowing what an exceptional person Raja was and is, he woke up that day to protect and serve his community, just like he had always done for the last ten years.

I beg you to not forget that Raja's wife and children are innocent victims of these tragic circumstances. No one can punish Raja more than he has already punished himself.: Taking Raja away from his family will only serve to punish my incredible cousin Karine and their children. We have already lost one good man; please don't let us lose another.

Sincerely, and with the utmost respect for the court,



Eunice Romaguera
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Date: 15 April 2019

The Honorable Joseph Marx

RE: State of Florida v. Nouman Khan Raja
Case Number 2016-CF-005507

Dear Judge Marx;

I am a friend of Nouman Raja and have known him since 2002. I consider him, his wife and children family. I have worked in the internal auditing field for the last 18 years. I am a certified internal auditor and certified fraud examiner. I also hold a bachelor's degree and MBA.

Nouman Raja or Raj as we call him is one of the nicest people I know. As long as I have known him, he is always willing to help and would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. There is a kindness to Raj that you do not see that often anymore. Over the years, I have seen, no questions asked, Raj wire friends/family money if they are in need, be the person who is there, first thing, when you are in pain or in crisis or just need a pair of hands. I don't feel like I have ever heard him say no. If it is was in his power, he would help no questions asked. If not, he would be helping you find a solution.

Raj and his wife were the best man and maid of honor, respectively, at my wedding. Raj took my husband under his wing and has been a support system for him. I see Raj with his kids and his wife. There is nothing he would have not done for them and the consideration in him is unparalleled. His wedding anniversary was at the end of March. He is in jail, his first concern is for his wife and her not being alone on their wedding anniversary. He made sure that she was not alone, and someone was with her on that day while he is in jail awaiting sentencing. This is the person he is. He thinks about everyone else before himself.

Knowing him, I know that when Raj went to work that fateful evening in October 2015 there never was an intent to hurt or kill someone. That is not in his make-up and this is not the person I have known all these years. The events of that night are completely heartbreaking. A tragic situation. My heart goes out to the Jones family. At the same time, it breaks my heart to see such a great guy sit in jail and for his children and family to suffer. This night has led to the destruction of two lives and two families. I don't diminish the pain and suffering of the Jones' family, what I do ask is for you to see who Raj really is: a kind soul that was just protecting his life.

I humbly ask that you please consider Raj as a person as the kind, selfless family man he is, who loved being a police officer and helping others.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Kind regards,

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Kathy Webber

April 12, 2019

The Honorable Joseph Marx

RE: State of Florida v. Nouman Khan Raja

Case Number 2016-CF-005507

Dear Judge Marx::

My name is Kathy Webber, I am the Office Manager @ Tacprogear. I worked with Nouman Raja for the past 3 years. Let me first say that I honestly believe he is one of the kindest and most caring people that I have ever known. I would look forward to seeing him every morning. The smile and positive outlook he had was unsurpassed. When we had any large orders or any kind of problems I could always count on him to help me through it. He would say "Kat, what's wrong?" I would always say nothing, like most women do, and he would say "I know you, tell me what it is". He would give me a quick smile and we would figure it out. I know he would never let me down. I miss him every day.

Often times his children would be out of school for being sick or a holiday and they would come in and spend the day at the office. They always pulled him in every direction and he was always calm and collected. He adores them.

Raj always had so much on his plate and never let the pressure get to him. Both cells would be ringing, his emails dinging, and Instagram for work would be beeping questions all day and night. He truly enjoyed his job and having his fellow officers coming in daily for advice and help with their gear. Raj would walk around the warehouse with a prototype vest on for days trying to get the feel of what it would be like fully geared up and full of armor. He needed to know that his buddies were safe and comfortable. If Raj had any down time he would draw up a new vest design and then

sit down at the sewing machine and build it. He has so much talent for most everything he touches. He is impossible to replace.

I remember when Raj's old students would find out where he was working, they would walk in and give him a giant bear hug...the love they have for him is indescribable. They would sit in his office and catch up for hours. The laughter coming from his office was always great to hear. Raj never had a down day, and if he did he never acted on it.

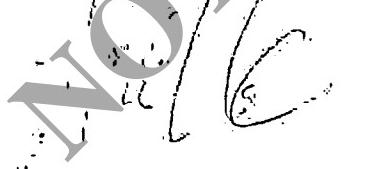
It's funny that while I am typing this letter, Raj called from jail. I was so happy to hear his voice. He was asking how everyone here was, and I just wanted to know how he was doing. I thought it would get easier at work as time went by, but I was terribly wrong. He was such a goof ball and would play his favorite music and sing when nobody was listening. Raj was always first to be at work and always the last to leave. Raj always had projects he was working on for the US Marshals or the local Sheriffs or Police Departments nearby. Raj knew what they needed and always took care of them. It was very personal to him.

I will close this letter now, and I am asking you Sir to have mercy on him and allow him to return to his wife and children.

Thank you for taking your time to listen to me.

Sincerely,

Kathy Webber

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April 12, 2019

The Honorable Joseph Marx

RE: State of Florida v. Nouman Khan Raja

Case Number 2016-CF-005507

Dear Judge Marx:

My name is Dan Lounsbury and I am the owner and CEO of Tacprogear, the former employer of Nouman Raja. I am a retired Naval Officer and former US Government employee whom worked at a classified agency.

I have personally known Raj for more than ten years. When we first met, Raj had just completed a rotation at the Palm Beach County Police Academy where he was an instructor. I specifically remember Raj showing me the body camera that he wore while on duty. Raj explained to me that while his department did not pay for the expensive camera, Raj felt it was an important piece of equipment that would help protect him, the community he served, and the citizen he took an oath to protect. Raj also explained that while teaching at the academy, he would use footage from his own body camera to help teach new recruits the proper way to handle unpredictable situations they would soon encounter. The concern that Raj demonstrated for these students, as well as his willingness to spend his own money to help teach, prepare, and protect these future law enforcement officers was something that stayed with me because it demonstrated the caring and dedicated compassion Raj has for his fellow man.

As the years went by, I grew to know Raj better as he would frequently visit my business, bringing in friends and coworkers whom were seeking to obtain better protective equipment. I was constantly amazed by the knowledge Raj would show when talking about anything and everything related to policing, safety, and equipment. Nouman Raja went out of his way to ensure that EVERY SINGLE OFFICER he encountered would be safe when they worked the streets.

Eventually I became personal friends with Raj, meeting his wife and children, and even his brother whom was also a sworn law enforcement officer; I also learned that, despite attending medical school and having an opportunity for a lucrative career as a doctor, Raj had a calling. His calling was to become a police officer and to use his God given skills to protect and serve the community. I consider myself lucky to have become friends with a man like Nouman Raja.

In 2016, shortly after Raj was released by his employer, he came to work for my company. In a short period of time, Raj became the number one sales person in the company. He quickly adapted to the style of a private company, which must have been a stark change compared to the work he had done for so many years. Not only would Raj work in sales, but he demonstrated

a willingness to complete any task no matter how menial or important. On many occasions, he would seek permission to give away equipment, or sell equipment at a discount because many of the law enforcement agencies did not have the monies to obtain the proper equipment. AGAIN, many years later, I personally witnessed Raj's commitment to his fellow man and his strong desire to ensure the safety of these people.

The past three years have been a tremendous struggle for Raj, Karine, and their children. Being confined to house arrest, Raj could not even attend the school graduation and performances by his own children. There were many days when Raj and I would close the office door and talk in private. We shared concerns, fears, and our love of our family and children.

I would respectfully request the court take all of this into consideration when sentencing Nouman Rajah. The tragic events which occurred and led to this situation are truly horrific and nothing can ever undo them. I pray that more lives are not shattered as a result of his sentencing and humbly beg for mercy from the court.

With Regards,

Dan Lounsbury

The Honorable Joseph Marx,

My name is Philip Buckingham. I'm a Paramedic and Fire Fighter for Leon County FL. I'm writing you this letter on Nouman Raja's behalf. I have known Raja for over 11 years, I consider him my best friend. I first met Raja when he was an Officer for the Atlantis Police Department and I was working as a Paramedic at JFK Medical Center.

Raja would normally be posted at the ER as part of a detail contract JFK has with the City of Atlantis. JFK Medical is a Baker Act receiving facility and many of the patients are extremely violent. I've seen Raja deal with psych patients at JFK Medical Center with professionalism and integrity. Raja always carried himself as a true professional. Raja and I hit it off at the get go and grew into the friendship we have to this day. Over the past 11 years I've had the opportunity to meet and get very close to Raja's family. I was his best man at his wedding recommitment ceremony to his wife Karine.

Raja and I would always refer to each other as brothers from another mother. I love his family (wife Karine, Zander and Ella) as if they were my own family. I spent a lot of time with him at work and most importantly, at his house where I've seen firsthand the type of man Raja truly is. Raja is the best man I've ever met. He loved being a police officer but loved his family more. I always told myself that if I ever have kids I would want to be just like Raja.

When I had personal problems in my life I would turn to him. Raja has given me more advice on life and being a man than my own father has. It makes me sick to my stomach that this great man is in this situation. I have never seen Raja act in a way that could be seen as reckless or dangerous. I worked at JFK for 7 years and in that time Raja would treat every person he cared in contact with the same. From violent psych patients to elderly people asking for an escort to their cars at night. I personally have never seen Raj act in a way that could be seen as unprofessional. I hate the situation that Raj is in, because know the type of man he truly is. He's the type of man people should strive to be. I ask you to look beyond this case and look into the character of Raj. The family man that would go 24hrs without sleep just to spend time with his kids. The man that would break his back working 2 jobs just to give his family everything they could ever want; or the man that would drop everything to help out a friend. I ask you Judge Marx to look into those things before you sentence Raj. I know once you do you will find numerous people like me whose life is better for having known Raj. Without Raja's advice and direction, I would have been lost and defiantly not the man I am today. I owe Raj more than he will ever know, so please Judge Marx I ask you to see that this was a terrible thing that happened but also see Raj doesn't deserve to be sent away for life. Every great person makes mistakes but please don't let this mistake define or be Raja's end. His children need him to give them the same life lessons he gave me and make them great people also. Thank you for your time Judge Marx.

Sincerely Philip Buckingham

April 4, 2019.

To: The Honorable Judge Marx
The 15th Judicial Court of Florida
205 N Dixie Hwy
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Re: State of Florida v. Nouman Khan Raja
Case No. 2016-CF-005507

Dear Judge Marx:

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. It is so important to me that you know how I feel about my very good friend (family) Nouman Raja (aka: Raj). My name is Marleny M. Olivo, I live with my husband Pedro and two sons. Alexander, who is 14 years old and Gabriel who is 11. I am currently employed at Uniters North America in West Palm Beach FL as a Customer Relations Representative. I've worked at Uniters for the past 10 years as a specialist in furniture care products.

I met Nouman Raja through my childhood friend, Karine Antonio (Karine Raja), in the Spring of 2003. However, Karine and I met in middle school and had been best friends ever since. We are more like sisters. In the spring 2003, Raja accompanied Karine to Florida from New York for my Bridal Shower. They themselves had recently gotten married after dating for only a few weeks. Karine and I had talked about Raj over the phone, but I was still shocked when I found out that they married so quickly. However, after spending a few hours with the two them, I knew that they were meant to be. I remember this big loveable guy in a party-hall surrounded by a bunch

of Latin women. During the time I was a total Bridezilla because nothing in my Dominican family is ever small.. All Raj kept saying was Leny we got this. He just smiled and mixed drinks for my super pushing aunts/family and friends. He never complaint about being the only man in the party and that he was spending his time working/helping at a party for a woman he had only just met. That is who Nouman Raja is, he is selfless, loving, caring and helpful. I remember after giving birth to my first son, Alexander and visiting Karine.. Raja would stay with my 6-month-old baby so Karine and I could have an hour to ourselves.. In every family function Raja is the one to take the lead; the one to make sure everyone is having a good time and the one makes sure everyone is taken care of.

I was not happy when Raja decided to join the Policy Academy because of the danger being a police officer represents, but I can't deny that it was his calling to help and protect. Helping others has always come easily for Raja.

I know that Raja feared for his life and the possibility of never seeing his kids and wife again. Raja is not a dangerous person or a danger to our community, in fact I can't remember ever seeing him angry or mad. He is NOT a careless killer, he is a loving human being that was protecting his life..

Your honor, I pray and beg that you see Raja as we see him, and hopefully you can see the beautiful and caring person he truly is. The wonderful and devoted father and husband. This verdict has not only affected Raja, it has affected everyone who knows or knew him, everyone who worked with him and everyone he has taught or mentored but specially his kids, Zander and Ella. I beg you please, please think of those kids.

Sincerely,

Marleny M. Oliyo

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April 4, 2019

To: The Honorable Judge Marx
The 15th Judicial Court of Florida
205 N Dixie Hwy
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Re: State of Florida v. Nouman Khan Raja
Case No. 2016-CF-005507

Dear Judge Marx,

My name is Pedro Olivo and I find myself humbled to be writing you this letter in regards to a person who I consider a brother, former officer Nouman Raja. Having worked in healthcare for the majority of my professional life, which is now about 30 years, I have seen the positive side of law enforcement and the unfortunate dark side. Being a police officer is definitely a special calling, one not too many people would care to answer. In today's troubled times, being an officer is by far the most dangerous and unforgiving job there is.

I don't know of one person who has not had tragedy in their lives. On that fateful night, that is exactly how I view the events that transpired, a tragedy. I have prayed for the lives of all that were affected. It was an unfortunate perfect storm which could have had a different result. Either way, there are no winners.

As someone who was born in what many consider a third world country, I can appreciate the rights given to us as citizens especially when confronting the police. In this country your rights are protected, in other countries they are ignored. I am reminded of this every time I see an

officer helping a person in need or even when making an arrest and it is what I saw in Raja. An officer dedicated to his profession and someone who loved to help the community.

I have known Raja for as long as I have been married, which is 16 years. He is the most thoughtful, considerate person there is. Always happy and always willing to help. A great family man who loves life and those around him. A compassionate and generous man.

I want to thank you for your time in reading this letter. In today's political climate sometimes things can be obscured and only our faith in the law can truly bring justice. I pray that God will guide you in rendering a just decision in this case.

Sincerely,

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Carol Seidl

April 14, 2019

The Honorable Joseph Marx
RE: State of Florida v. Nouman Khan Raja
Case Number 2016-CF-005507

Dear Judge Marx:

My name is Carol Seidl and I have been the Controller of TPG for almost 2 years. I am a respectful citizen that engages in my Community and have served as the President of the Board of my HOA, in Boynton Beach, Florida. I have volunteered with charities, participate in yearly Breast Cancer walk and am a supporter of several Animal Rescues.

As Controller for TGP I have worked with Nouman Raja for 2 years. From my first week with the company Raj made me feel welcomed as a friend and colleague. In the time I have been with TPG I have watched Raj interact with his customers which are First Responders and Military personnel, some getting ready to deploy, with understanding, honesty and integrity. Raj used his extensive knowledge about our industry to answer questions and provide equipment that was best for the customer.

Raj is a very dedicated individual. He is loyal, dependable and honest always willing to share his knowledge with others. Raj treated his staff and co-workers with respect, and kindness as he would a member of his family. Raj is very compassionate, I bring my dog to work with me every day and Raj was always excited by my dog's loud greeting. There was a situation where my dog had surgery on his leg to remove a cancerous growth and the bandage that was put on by the Veterinarian had come off. Raj understanding my concern my dog would pull out the sutures before I could return to the Vet's office, went to the warehouse where we have medical supplies and returned with gauze and other supplies and sat on the floor and rebandaged my dog's leg. Over the time it took for my dog's leg to heal Raj rebandaged his leg a few times. We all cheered when the leg was fully healed. My dog is 16, every day is a gift, Raj understood this.

When Raj talks about his children you can hear the love and at times amusement in his voice, I got to meet Raj's son and daughter when they spent time at the office. They are smart, kind and well behaved. I saw how Raj interacted with his children, always patient, answering their questions sometime multiple times and never raise his voice to them even if they got a little loud.

Your Honor I ask that you exercise leniency and return Raj to his family who need and love him

Thank you

Sincerely,


Carol Seidl

April 15th, 2019

The Honorable Joseph Marx

RE: State of Florida v. Nouman Khan Raja

Case Number 2016-CF-005507

Dear Judge Marx::

My name is Leslie Castillo, I am currently a freshman attending FAU pursuing a bachelors in neuroscience and behavior. I have known my uncle raj for practically my entire life. My uncle raj has always been this beam of happiness and love who would fill any room he enters with his energy. Even through the toughest years his family has gone through he would keep a smile on his face everyday so everyone else had the strength to push on. That is the type of person Raja is, a vibrant personality, a passionate heart, a warm soul, a protector and a lover.

Since the moment he has entered my life we have had so many beautiful memories as a family but my absolute favorite will always be our camping trips. We began doing our annual camping trips since I was about the age of 12. I remember on the first trip I was being a brat and hated everything. I remember my mom getting frustrated at me along with my aunts. Raj then taught me how to fish, pulled me to the side and showed me how to tell when was the perfect time to take a burgers off the grill, taught me how to start a fire and keep it going. He never once in my entire life raised his voice at me, got impatient or gave up on me.

Since the age of 7 I have not had a male figure or presence in my house hold, my uncle raj has always made sure to talk to me and give advice anytime I was going through different stages in life. Raja is the most patient, genuine, authentic, kind hearted person I know, he has always shown and treated me with love, and affection. Enough through my tantrums, attitudes, and childishness through out the years he has never projected anything but his wisdom and heart onto me. I have learned so much from him and I am constantly expanding my mind with the wisdom he granted me. Raja is a blessing, he is a person bursting with color in this lifeless world. Please see him who he really is and not what the world would like to portray him as.

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4/24/2019

The Honorable Joseph Marx

RE: State of Florida v. Nouman Khan Raja

Case Number 2016-CF-005507

Dear Judge Marx,

My name is Shane D'Ignazio.

I have known Raj (as most people know him) since 2009. He was best man at my wedding; I was introduced to Raj by my wife, who has known Karine, Raj's wife since they were out of High School. Despite living overseas at the time, my wife and I would often visit Raj and his wife here in South Florida. They, too, would visit us in Europe.

What I admire most about Raj is his devotion to his family, to his responsibilities. In the time I have known him, he and his wife have had two awesome children, lost two dogs, adopted two more dogs, moved homes three times, and both changed jobs. Juggling his responsibilities whilst under house arrest for the last three years was, in my opinion, hugely admirable. This guy would have been hurting, would have been angry at times but he never let it show; I've never actually witnessed Raj lose control of his emotions in the eleven years I have known him, in fact. Not even with his two young children who can be boisterous at the best of times.

Raj and I have been on several vacations together. These vacations, planned with military precision by Raj's wife via TripAdvisor, represent my happiest memories of Raj. One such occasion was in December 2013, we were in Savannah, GA for New Year's Eve. I had had one too many. Raj, who would invariably be the only sober member of any night out we had together, ensured I got to my hotel room in one piece, carrying me when I could no longer walk. That's Raj in a nutshell, always the responsible one.

Being European, I enjoy trying American "things". Firing a gun was perhaps the most obvious of these. While here on vacation, I tentatively mentioned to Raj I would love to shoot a gun, not expecting to actually do it anytime soon. Before I left, he took me to a local range and ensured I had a safe and enjoyable experience. It was the thrill of life. Again, Raj did not have to do this; he did not have to take me under his wing. That's the Raj I know — forever putting other people first.

Judge, I trust this letter goes someway into conveying the man Nouman Raja is. And I urge you to exercise leniency when passing your sentence.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Shane D'Ignazio.